PUBLIC NOTICE

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MDOT)

Fiscal Year 2009 Overall Goal for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program

Pursuant to the U.S. Department of Transportation Regulation at 49 CFR § 26.45 titled, "Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs," the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) announces its overall goal for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Program for Fiscal Year 2009.

MDOT proposes the adoption of an overall DBE goal of 10.5 percent for FY 2009. The department projects that the recommended overall DBE goal of 10.5 percent for FY 2009 will be met through race-neutral (2.5 percent) and race-conscious (8.0 percent) means. Race-neutral participation occurs when contractors use a DBE firm on a project with no DBE participation requirement. Race-conscious projects have a DBE percentage requirement.

Bus transit programs funded by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) are expected to be met through race-neutral (1.75 percent) and race-conscious (0.50 percent) means.

This proposed <u>10.5 percent</u> goal will be reviewed by the Michigan State Transportation Commission at its Sept. 25, 2008, meeting to be held at 9 a.m. at:

Detroit Mexicantown International Welcome Center 2835 Bagley Street
Detroit, Michigan 48216

Comments or requests for information regarding how this goal was established may be submitted until noon on Oct. 1, 2008, to:

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